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## Quick Facts

- Winthrop University will honor the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a day of events on Jan. 15.
- King's birthday is a federal and state holiday observed the third Monday of January.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Through a vigil, song and other activities, Winthrop University will honor the life of civil rights leader **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** on Jan. 15.

**King's birthday** is observed as an official federal holiday and a state holiday on the third Monday of January. This year, the holiday also falls on King's birthday on Jan. 15. There will be no classes that day at Winthrop and offices will be closed.

"These events hopefully will promote a 'Day On' and not just another day off for our students and community members," said **Kema Gadson**, director of multicultural student life and parent programs. "This is a time for everyone from various backgrounds to come together and reflect the works of a great American hero."

A Nobel Peace prizewinner, King was assassinated by James Earl Ray at a Memphis motel in 1968.

Winthrop's celebration, under the direction of the **Office of Multicultural Student Life** in the **Division of Student Life**, will include the following for Jan. 15:

- MLK Unity Breakfast**, 7:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Rock Hill. The event is sponsored by the city of Rock Hill M.L.K. Task Force and the multicultural office. Tickets are \$10.
- King Day for Kids**, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., **Wofford Hall Community Center**. Free event. Winthrop students will host an indoor activity day providing fun and educational activities for children ages 5-11. This is an opportunity for Winthrop students to educate children about King and to provide a service to their community in remembrance of his work. Sponsored by the Office of Volunteer and Community Service Programs, Resident Student's Association, Dinkins Student Union and the Office of Multicultural Student Life. To register, call Jason Weil at 803/323-2520.
- Candlelight vigil**, 6 p.m., steps of **Byrnes Auditorium**. Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Gospel Extravaganza**, 7-8:30 p.m., **Barnes Recital Hall**. Performances by the Association of Ebonites, Pearls and Funk and guest artist Sheria Rashawn and family. Free event.

On Jan. 22, the multicultural office and the **Winthrop Cooperative Campus Ministries** will host a lecture by Charles Marsh, author of "The Beloved Community: How Faith Shapes Social Justice, from the Civil Rights Movement to Today," at 7 p.m. in **Plowden Auditorium**.

For more information, contact Gadson, director of multicultural student life and parent programs, at 803/323-4524.

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